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SUBJ: GUYANA'S INTENTIONS TOWARDS SURINAM

WQM DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEINEMANN TOLD
AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON APRIL 10 THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS
TRAVELERS FROM GEORGETOWN WHO ARRIVED IN SURINAM
LAST NIGHT BROUGHT "INTELLIGENCE" THAT BURNHAM INTENDED
TO HAVE SOME KIND OF AN INCIDENT COOKED UP ON THE
GUYANA-SURINAM BORDER DURING HIS ABSENCE ON TRIP
ABOARD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRACTING THE GUYANESE
PEOPLE FROM THE STARK REALITIES OF THE ENERGY-ECONOMIC
SITUATION. HEINEMANN ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY HAD ANY
INFORMATION WHICH WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT OF DISPROVE
THIS ALLEGATION.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID WE HAD NO INFORMATION OF ANY KIND
REGARDING ANY SUCH MOVE. WE HAVE HAD QUITE FULL
REPORTING FROM GEORGETOWN ABOUT THE ENERGY CRISIS AND
ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING
THIS CRISIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND TRYING TO FIND WAYS
OF ALLEVIATING THE ELECTRICITY AND WATER SITUATION.

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WHILE IN NOW WAY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMING
SURINAM ABOUT EVENTS IN OR INTENTIONS OF GUYANA,
AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED AGAINST TAKING AT FACE VALUE
ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND.

3. HEINEMANN AGREED THAT NOT TOO MUCH CREDENCE COULD
BE GIVEN THESE REPORTS BUT SAID THAT HE HAD TO CHECK

THEM OUT IN ANY EVENT. HE SAID THAT GUYANESE AMBASSADOR
SAUL HAD RETURNED TO SURINAM LAST NIGHT AND HAD ASKED
FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM, WHICH WAS NOT YET
SCHEDULED. HE SAID THAT SAUL SOUNDED ALARMED ON THE
PHONE.
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